

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A device for the combined presentation of first and second items, the device comprising:

~~a first element having a first side and a second side, said first element detachably securable to said the first item and said the second item, said the first element including a pair of arms having free ends, the pair of arms being disposed on opposite sides of a central axis and being resiliently displaceable relative to one another so as to securely engage the adapted for flexibly squeezing said first item and said the second items;~~

~~a second element having a first side and a second side, said second element detachably securable to said the first item and said the second item, said the second element including a pair of arms having free ends, the pair of arms being disposed on opposite sides of a central axis and being resiliently displaceable relative to one another so as to securely engage the adapted for flexibly squeezing said first item and said the second items; and~~

~~a connecting member interconnecting the element attached to said first element and said the second element, said the connecting element member being resiliently foldable between permitting said first side of said first element to confront said first side of said second element and said second side of said first element to confront said second side of said second element, a connecting element being a flexible strip,~~

~~wherein said first and second elements are connected to said first item and said second item simultaneously or to either said first item or said second item individually, without said first element and said second element being substantially deformed. a relaxed configuration in which the first element and the second element are substantially coplanar,~~

and a folded configuration in which the first element is coaxially aligned with the second element.

2. (currently amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein the free ends of the pair of arms of the first element are spaced apart by a first distance in a nonuse condition in which the first element is not engaged with the first item or the second item, the first distance being less than cross-sectional sizes of the first item and the second item, wherein the pair of arms of the first element resiliently deform so that the free ends of the first element are spaced apart by a distance greater than the first distance to receive the first item and/or the second item~~said first element includes a first open end having a first length and said second element includes a second open end having a second length, said first and said second open ends being flexible, wherein said first and said second lengths increase to receive said first item and/or said second item and decrease to detachably secure said first item and/or said second item.~~

3. (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) A device according to claim 3₁, wherein ~~said~~the pair of ~~deformable arms of the first element together form a portion of a circle, the portion of the circle extending at least~~said pair of deformable arms extending equal to or more than 180° from one another as measured from said connecting element opposite said open endsthe free end of one arm of the pair of arms to the free end of another arm of the pair of arms.

5. (currently amended) A device according to claim 4, wherein ~~said pair of deformable arms form a~~the portion

of ~~at the~~ circle, ~~extends~~ said pair of deformable arms extending between 190°-310° from one another as measured from said connecting element opposite said open ends the free end of the one arm of the pair of arms to the free end of the another arm of the pair of arms.

Claims 6-7 (cancelled)

8. (currently amended) The device according to claim 1, ~~comprising~~ wherein the device is formed from at least one moldable thermoplastic material.

9. (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the pair of arms of the first element define an internal circular cross-section and the pair of arms of the second elements have define an internal circular cross-section.

11. (currently amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the first element has a size and shape and the second elements are identical has a size and shape which are the same as the size and shape of the first element.

12. (currently amended) A device for the combined presentation of ~~multiple~~ first and second items, said the device comprising:

~~a first item having a cross section,~~

~~a second item having a cross section,~~

a first element detachably securable to said the first item and said the second item, the first element having a first surface and a second surface opposite the first surface, the first element including a pair of arms having free ends, the

pair of arms being disposed on opposite sides of a central axis and being resiliently displaceable relative to one another so as to securely engage the first item and the second item;

a second element detachably securable to ~~said~~the first item and ~~said~~the second item, the second element having a first surface and a second surface opposite the first surface, the second element including a pair of arms having free ends, the pair of arms being disposed on opposite sides of a central axis and being resiliently displaceable relative to one another so as to securely engage the first item and the second item; and

a connecting member interconnecting~~element~~ having a ~~center~~ and attached to ~~said~~ the first element and ~~said~~the second element, ~~said~~ first element and ~~said~~ second element pivotable about ~~said~~ center of ~~said~~ the connecting element~~member~~ being foldable in a first direction so that the first surface of the first element confronts the first surface of the second element, and being foldable in a second direction so that the second surface of the first element confronts the second surface of the second element, the folding of the connecting member ~~notwithout~~ substantially deforming ~~said~~the first element and ~~said~~the second element, a ~~connecting element~~ being a flexible strip;

~~wherein said first and second items are connected to each other in a manner such that said first and second elements can be simultaneously attached to both said first and said second items or both of said first and said second elements can be simultaneously attached to either said first item or said second item.~~

13. (currently amended) A device according to claim 12, ~~wherein said first element includes a first open end and said second element includes a second open end, said first and said second open ends being flexible, wherein said first and~~

~~said second open ends increase in length to receive said first item and/or said second item and decrease in length to detachably secure said first item or said second item~~ the free ends of the pair of arms of the first element are spaced apart by a first distance in a nonuse condition in which the first element is not engaged with the first item or the second item, the first distance being less than cross-sectional sizes of the first item and the second item, wherein the pair of arms of the first element resiliently deform so that the free ends of the first element are spaced apart by a distance greater than the first distance to receive the first item and/or the second item.

14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) A device according to claim 14—12, wherein ~~said~~the pair of deformable arms of the first element together form a portion of a circle, the portion of the circle extending at least~~said pair of deformable arms extending equal to or more than 180° from one another as measured from said connecting element opposite said open ends~~the free end of one arm of the pair of arms to the free end of another arm of the pair of arms.

16. (currently amended) A device according to claim 15, wherein ~~said pair of deformable arms form a~~the portion of ~~a~~the circle, extends~~said pair of deformable arms extending between 190°-310° from one another as measured from said connecting element opposite said open ends~~the free end of the one arm of the pair of arms to the free end of the another arm of the pair of arms.

Claims 17-18 (cancelled)

19. (currently amended) A device according to claim 12, ~~comprising~~ wherein the device is formed from at least one moldable thermoplastic material.

20. (currently amended) A device according to claim 12, ~~wherein said device is configured such that said device can move from an initial position in which said the connecting member is foldable between a relaxed configuration in which the first element and the second elements are substantially coplanar, and a folded configuration in which the located side by side to a second position in which said first element is coaxially aligned with and the second elements are located above one another.~~

21. (currently amended) A device according to claim 12, ~~wherein the pair of arms of the said first element define an internal cross-section and the pair of arms of the second elements have~~ define an internal cross-sections, said the internal cross-sections of said the first element and the second elements corresponding to said cross-sections of said the first item and the second items.

22. (currently amended) A device according to claim 21, ~~wherein said the cross-sections of said the first item and the second items and said the internal cross-sections of said the first element and the second elements are circular, and said cross section of said first and second items has a radius.~~

23. (currently amended) A device according to claim 22, ~~wherein at least one of said the internal cross-sections of said at least one of the first element and the second elements has a radius that is less than or equal to said~~

~~radius of either said~~the cross-section of ~~said~~one of the first item or ~~said~~the second item.

24. (currently amended) A device according to claim 22, wherein ~~at least one of said~~the internal cross-sections of ~~said~~at least one of the first element and ~~their said~~ second elements ~~has a radius that~~ is between 1 and 10 percent less than ~~said radius of said~~the cross-sections of ~~said~~one of the first item or ~~said~~the second item.

25. (currently amended) A device according to claim 12, wherein ~~said~~the first element has a size and a shape, and the second elements ~~are identical~~ has a size and a shape which are the same as the size and the shape of the first element.

26. (currently amended) An assembly for attaching two discrete bodies, comprising:

a first item in the form of a first receptacle,
~~said first item~~ containing a first product;

~~a second item in the form of a receptacle, said~~
~~second item containing a second product or an accessory for the~~
~~application of said first product; and~~

a device ~~having~~including a first element, ~~and a~~
second element, and a connecting member, the first element being
detachably securable to the first item and the second item, the
first element including a pair of arms having free ends, the
pair of arms being disposed on opposite sides of a central axis
and being resiliently displaceable relative to one another so as
to securely engage the first item and the second item; the
second element being detachably securable to the first item and
the second item, the second element including a pair of arms
having free ends, the pair of arms being disposed on opposite

sides of a central axis and being resiliently displaceable relative to one another so as to securely engage the first item and the second item; and the connecting member interconnecting the first element and the second element, the connecting member being resiliently foldable between a relaxed configuration in which the first element and the second element are substantially coplanar, and a folded configuration in which the first element is coaxially aligned with the second element,

_____ said first and second items being held in fixed relation to one another by said device, wherein said the first element and the second elements can simultaneously attach to either said to the first item, said to the second item or both to the first item and the second item, such that said the first item and the second items may be stacked one on top of the other or adjacent to one another without substantially deforming said the first element and the second items element.

27. (currently amended) An assembly according to claim 26, wherein said the first item and said the second items each have a cross-section which is at least partly circular.

28. (currently amended) An assembly according to claim 27, wherein said the first product is make-up for the lips or eyelashes and said the second product is a product that modifies the appearance of said the first product.

29. (new) The device according to claim 2, wherein the free ends of the pair of arms of the second element are spaced apart by a first distance in a nonuse condition in which the second element is not engaged with the first item or the second item, the first distance being less than cross-sectional sizes of the first item and the second item, wherein the pair of arms of the second element resiliently deform so that the free

ends of the second element are spaced apart by a distance greater than the first distance to receive the first item and/or the second item.

30. (new) A device according to claim 4, wherein the pair of arms of the second element together form a portion of a circle, the portion of the circle extending at least 180° from the free end of one arm of the pair of arms to the free end of another arm of the pair of arms.

31. (new) A device according to claim 13, wherein the free ends of the pair of arms of the second element are spaced apart by a first distance in a nonuse condition in which the second element is not engaged with the first item or the second item, the first distance being less than cross-sectional sizes of the first item and the second item, wherein the pair of arms of the second element resiliently deform so that the free ends of the second element are spaced apart by a distance greater than the first distance to receive the first item and/or the second item.

32. (new) A device according to claim 15, wherein the pair of arms of the second element together form a portion of a circle, the portion of the circle extending at least 180° from the free end of one arm of the pair of arms to the free end of another arm of the pair of arms.

33. (new) An assembly according to claim 26, wherein the second item is an accessory for the application of the first product.

34. (new) An assembly according to claim 26, wherein the second item is a receptacle for a second product different

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from the first product.

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